

# *Madison County Weed Board*

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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was called to order at 1:29 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were John Armstrong, Board member, C.Ted Coffman, Board member, Margie Edsall Coordinator, Janie Alt, Office Assistant and Jim Sykes, guest. Absent was Chuck Buus.

John Armstrong made a motion to approve the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Board minutes as presented. Betty Sykes Seconded. C. Ted Coffman abstained. Majority voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program Activities: Margie will attend grant hearings in Helena on March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00a.m. Deliberations will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> Margie will invite a few of the cooperators to the hearings to show support for their grant areas. Margie will also work with Mellissa Griffiths, MVRG putting together a power point for the Madison grant.

Margie will be meeting with Tom Greason and Fred King, from FWP on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February to work on the biannual Weed Management Plan. After a draft is submitted Margie will present it to the Board at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February Margie will attend a meeting in St. Anthony ID for a Barrier Zone project. This project is to create a barrier zone between Montana & Idaho to stop the potential spread of new invaders. Margie and Jack Eddie, Beaverhead Weed Coordinator are working on a preliminary agenda for the crew training. Beaverhead County will be hosting the training this year. The training is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ranchlands Weed Committee will be hosting a Weed Summit. Tentative date is set for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Time will be posted at a later date. Margie will present on the county program. Margie will be out of the office March 22, 23, 26 and the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Positions for the 2007 weed season have been posted in the Madisionian Any interested persons please pick up a job application at the Weed Board office 313 Idaho St. Virginia City (old school house), or call 843-5594 to request one to be sent out. Positions available are for; Program Assistant, Compliance Tech and Field Crew Personnel. Applications will be accepted until noon March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

Weed Board Position: There is still an opening for anyone interested in sitting on the Weed Board from the Ruby area. Any interested parties please contact Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant at the courthouse @843-4277 or the Weed Board Office @ 843-5594.

Some crews will start April 15<sup>th</sup>. 2007

We would like to welcome our newest Board member C. Ted Coffman. Good to have you aboard Ted and thanks.

Other Old Business: None.

New Business:

Weed Management Plans: One subdivision plan was submitted for Lone Moose Meadows and one regular WMP was submitted by Shilea Wingard. Ted Coffman moved to approve both plans. John Armstrong seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alder Facilities: Margie asked the Board for their ideas on expanding the weed shop. Ted mentioned the possibility of sharing the old county road shop with the Sheriffs department. Margie then asked about the possibilities of just trading the Alder weed shop with the old county road shop. Ted thought it would be worth while to talk to the Commissioners about a possible trade. Margie then asked Ted if he would be willing to head up the project. Ted agreed he would help Margie pursue the possibilities.

Field Crew Interviews: Will be held the morning of March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Will break for lunch then reconvene at 1:30 to hold the regular scheduled Board meeting.

Equipment Proposal: Margie approached the Board with a proposal to purchase 2 more Honda 4wheelers, spray equipment to outfit them with, helmets and a trailer.

Margie will check into the Honda Rancher to make comparisons between that and the Forman. John Armstrong thought it might be a good idea to get the crew hired before purchasing 2 4wheelers to make sure we will have a full crew. Margie also mentioned to the Board that Roger Staley would like to go in half on one of the 4 wheelers to use in the winter months. Roger would purchase the snow plow and winch. Margie will discuss the matter further with the Commissioners.

Herbicide Bids: Margie presented the Board with the 2007 Herbicide Bid Invitation to be approved and signed. The invitation will be taken to the Commissioners for their approval and signature as well. It will be posted in the Madisonian the following week.

Budget: Regular 2140 has \$322,600  
Trust 2840 has \$ 56,000

Made an item change of \$1615.00 from meals, lodging and travel to contracted services.

Margie updated the Board on HB37. This bill is for weed management on DNRC leased lands.

Other New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Next meeting will be on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00a.m.

Hope to see you all there

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant